



Minutes

Public Board Meeting

March 16, 2010
Room 420 Broadway Campus
5:00 pm

Board Members Present:

Pam Aikman (Vice-Chair)
D. Bates (Elected - Support Staff)
Don Fairbairn (Chair)
Sally Gibson (Chair - Education Council – non voting)
Kathy Kinloch, (President, VCC)
Ted McGurk (Appointed)
Maggie Murray (Elected – Student Downtown Campus)
Marina Pratchett (Appointed)
Jim Storie (Appointed)
Charmaine Waters (Elected – Student Broadway Campus)
Cathy Young (Appointed)
Janet Zlotnik (Elected – Faculty)

Regrets:

Karen Cook (Appointed)
Tom Wong (Appointed)

Staff Present:

Helen Allen (Vice President, Education)
Rob Henderson (Interim Vice President, Human Resources & Student Affairs)
Peter Legg (Vice President, Finance & Administration)
Deanna Rexe (Interim Vice President, Strategy & Enrolment)
Lyndon Scott (Interim Vice President, Finance & Administration)
Gae Sellstedt (Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors)

Deans, Directors & Guests

Pat Bawtinheimer
Lila Heilbrunn
Karen Belfer
Nimmi Takkar
Daniel Rohloff
Jo Hansen

Mark Chapman
Stephanie Jewell
Casey Dorin
Jami Nystrom
Frank Cosco
Robert Oliver

Stephen Barrington
Karen McCredie
Andrea Karr
Tiffany Kalanj
Eri Hato
Kevin Chaing

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Don Fairbairn introduced new President, Kathy Kinloch and acknowledged Peter Legg and his team for their work over the past year

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of February 25, 2010

There were two amendments to the Minutes:

- Under Student Group Reports, paragraph 3, the word “thank” should be “think” – “....they now have concerns over the budget process because they think that they haven’t had.....”
- The word “manikin” was questioned with respect to spelling. No change is required.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 25, 2010 meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

3. Presentation of the 2010/2011 Budget

Don Fairbairn introduced the presentation by saying that the primary purpose of the Board meeting is to ensure that the Board and College Community have given due consideration to stakeholder input. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Board members to understand respective views.

Peter Legg told the audience that the college is in a state of stable financial health and that the ALMD operating block grant has been maintained. The college continues to operate in a challenging environment. He said that there has been good feedback on the consultation process which has been inclusive of the college community.

Lyndon Scott highlighted the power point presentation. There were no questions arising from the presentation. Helen Allen presented an overview of the 2010/11 Academic Plan.

4. Speakers

4.1 SUVCC

Kevin Ching, Nimmi Takkar and Tiffany Kalanj represented the Students' Union and did a power point presentation.

The SUVCC made three recommendations:

- Freeze all tuition fees and contemplation of a policy to reinvest a portion of unbudgeted surplus into student aid and services
- Reinvestment in Counseling and Disability Services as well as the Learning Centre
- Dedicate funding for implementation of a VCC U-Pass in September 2010

A question and answer period followed.

Action: Tiffany Kalanj to provide the Board members with a short backgrounder note on the funding for the U-Pass so that the Board can continue its advocacy.

4.2 Eri Hato – Student Representative on Education Council

Ms. Hato introduced herself as a student from Japan enrolled in the Hospitality Management Program. She voiced her concern over the tuition increase saying that if there needs to be an increase, it should be a fair increase and not 5% for international students versus 1% for domestic students.

Action: Peter Legg and Lyndon Scott to provide a briefing note to the Board members outlining the basis for establishing rates.

Don thanked Ms. Hato for her commitment to education and for her leadership for other international students.

4.3 VCCFA

Frank Cosco presented the Faculty Association's view on the 2010-11 academic plan and the budget. There were numerous points raised on the part of the VCCFA including:

- incorporation of key activities in the academic plan;
- including more "overview comments" in the plan;
- including advocacy for the restoration of lost services and programs;

- on-line developments being supported in ways that do not put undue pressure on faculty workload and which do not substitute for necessary classroom-based instruction;
- ensuring that there is a transparent and inclusive process for strategic initiatives and curriculum development;
- inclusion of more resources targeted for on-going curriculum maintenance and renewal in the plan;
- the question of whether there will be other support services for instructors working with the disabled and support for disabled students;
- the lack of inclusion of international education in the plan;
- ensuring that there is appropriate consultation between administrators and department heads;
- the restoration of departmental spending authority and capacity;
- lightening the restraint on the surplus;
- the reduction of funding that supports activity in counseling;
- the increase in financial services by 2.5%;
- possible restraint extending to ancillary and assessment fees;
- International Education revenues and expenses;
- VCC's capacity to grow;
- budget for resources for dealing with disabled students and about reinvestment in curriculum maintenance;
- where surplus money will be allocated.

Don Fairbairn spoke to the various concerns and received input from the VCC Executive.

Action: With respect to tuition increases at other sector institutions, Maggie Murray said that the SUVCC has that information and that she will provide it to the VCC Board of Governors and the VCC Faculty Association.

Action: Executive to provide a briefing note on students with disabilities with respect to funding, obligation of the college and resources available.

4.4 CUPE

Daniel Rohloff spoke in support of the 2010/11 budget but noted CUPE's concern with slide 27 of the budget presentation and the use of the word "versus". CUPE has taken offense to the word as they feel that it implies that "Support" is the enemy of "Education". CUPE's opinion is that it takes a cross-section of individuals to garner the success of students and therefore, the name of the slide should be changed or the slide should be removed.

Daniel, noting his role on the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, also spoke about the concern that the budget has highlighted the "Recycling Program – Expanded". It would be more appropriate to be inclusive of environmental awareness. It is the Committee's hope that the Environmental

Sustainability Awareness Committee will be consulted with respect to the resources allocated in the budget and that there will be proper process.

4.5 AVCCA

Lila Heilbrunn gave a brief presentation on behalf of the AVCCA. The AVCCA offered its support for both the content and the timelines in the proposed 2010/11 budget. The association believes that the college stakeholders have had ample opportunity to provide feedback. Starting the fiscal year with an approved budget will allow faculty and staff to confirm the level of education and services that will be provided to students and will add clarity to the process.

The AVCCA commended the Executive for presenting a balanced budget and for setting and meeting their timelines. The AVCCA encouraged the Board to pass the budget so that the business of the College can progress.

There were no questions.

Don Fairbairn commented that the tone of the evening was constructive and that between this meeting and the March 25th meeting, the Finance Committee will meet again to review additional information that they receive from Pete and his team. The Board will also have another discussion around the area of "risk".

Don thanked all of the individuals who took the extra time to attend the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Don Fairbairn, Chair
VCC Board of Governors